

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4779–S4811

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2086–2109, and S. Res. 274. **Pages S4806–07**

Measures Reported:

S. 1309, to identify and combat corruption in countries, to establish a tiered system of countries with respect to levels of corruption by their governments and their efforts to combat such corruption, and to assess United States assistance to designated countries in order to advance anti-corruption efforts in those countries and better serve United States taxpayers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4806**

Phipps Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Peter Joseph Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. **Page S4795**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, July 11, 2019, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2019. **Page S4795**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4795**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4795**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, July 15, 2019; that the cloture motions filed during the session of Thursday, July 11, 2019 ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 15, 2019; and that the first-degree filing deadline for amendments to the treaties on which cloture motions were filed during the session of Thursday, July 11, 2019 be 3:30 p.m., on Monday, July 15, 2019. **Page S4811**

Protocol Amending the Tax Convention With Spain—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and its Protocol, signed at Madrid on February 22, 1990 (Treaty Doc. 113–4), taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 910, to change the enactment date. **Page S4795**

McConnell Amendment No. 911 (to Amendment No. 910), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4795**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the treaty, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Peter Joseph Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. **Page S4795**

Prior to the consideration of this treaty, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4795**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the treaty. **Page S4795**

Protocol Amending Tax Convention With Swiss Confederation—Cloture: Senate began consideration of Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 112–1), taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S4795**

Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 912, to change the enactment date. **Page S4795**

McConnell Amendment No. 913 (to Amendment No. 912), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4796**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the treaty, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain (Treaty Doc. 113–4). **Page S4796**

Prior to the consideration of this treaty, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4795**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the treaty. **Page S4795**

Protocol Amending the Tax Convention With Japan—Cloture: Senate began consideration of The Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and a related agreement entered into by an exchange of notes (together the “proposed Protocol”), both signed on January 24, 2013, at Washington, together with correcting notes exchanged March 9 and March 29, 2013 (Treaty Doc. 114–1), taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S4796**

Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 914, to change the enactment date. **Page S4796**

McConnell Amendment No. 915 (to Amendment No. 914), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4796**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the treaty, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation (Treaty Doc. 112–1). **Page S4796**

Prior to the consideration of this treaty, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4796**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the treaty. **Page S4796**

Protocol Amending Tax Convention With Luxembourg—Cloture: Senate began consideration of Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the “proposed Protocol”) and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111–8), taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S4796**

Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 916, to change the enactment date. **Page S4796**

McConnell Amendment No. 917 (to Amendment No. 916), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4796**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the treaty, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Japan (Treaty Doc. 114–1). **Pages S4796–97**

Prior to the consideration of this treaty, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4796**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the treaty. **Page S4796**

Corker Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Clifton L. Corker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. **Page S4797**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 111–8). **Page S4797**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4797**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4797**

Blanchard Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, Department of State. **Page S4797**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Clifton L. Corker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. **Page S4797**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4797**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4797**

Tapia Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, Department of State. **Pages S4797–S4802**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, Department of State. **Page S4797**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4797**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4797**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 56 yeas 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 200), Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education. **Pages S4782–86**

By 54 yeas 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 201), John P. Pallasch, of Kentucky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. **Pages S4786–87**

By 52 yeas 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 203), Peter C. Wright, of Michigan, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency. **Pages S4787–95**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 202), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4787**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total–203) **Pages S4786–87, S4794–95**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 3:26 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4811.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Gen. Mark A. Milley, for reappointment to the grade of General, and to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the United States Army, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, after receiving testimony from Jerome H. Powell, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

U.S. LNG IN EVOLVING GLOBAL MARKETS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine evolving global natural gas markets, the increasingly important role of United States liquefied natural gas, and the competitive outlook, after receiving testimony from Steven E. Winberg, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy; Dennis V. Arriola, Sempra Energy, San Diego, California; and Melanie Hart, Center for American Progress, Charlie Riedl, Center for Liquefied Natural Gas, and Nikos Tsafos, Center for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Monica David Morris, of Florida, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission, Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.